



MINUTES OF MEETING NO. 199
April 20, 2016

Board Members Present:

Perry England, Chair
Creigh H. Agnew, Representing Business
Beth Thew, Representing Labor
Gary Chandler, Representing Business
Caitlyn Jekel, Jeff Johnson, Representing Labor
Lee Anne Caylor, Representing Business
Mark Mattke, Representing Local Government
Chris Alejano, Representing Underserved Populations
Nancy Dick for Marty Brown, State Board for Community and Technical Colleges (SBCTC)
Ken Emmil for Randy Dorn, Office of Superintendent of Public Instruction (OSPI)
Tim Probst for Dale Peinecke, Employment Security Department (ESD)
Carolyn McKinnon for Brian Bonlender, Department of Commerce (Commerce)
David Stillman for Kevin Quigley, Department of Social and Health Services (DSHS)

Board Staff Present

Eleni Papadakis, Executive Director

Welcome and Introductions

Mr. Perry England called the Workforce Training and Education Coordinating Board (Workforce Board) meeting to order at 9 a.m. at the Seattle Film Institute Campus in Seattle.

Chair's Report

Motion 16-199-01: Ms. Beth Thew moved to adopt the February 24, 2016 Board Meeting Minutes as presented. Ms. Creigh Agnew seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Board members discussed their upcoming retreat. The retreat will focus on building a high functioning team that includes other viewpoints and working together to move forward.

Executive Director's Report

Ms. Eleni Papadakis reported that The Chronicle of Higher Education contacted the Workforce Board to highlight new ways economically disadvantaged students are getting the help they need through promising best practices to move forward with college and careers. The Chronicle's reporter, Scott Carlson, noticed great work being done in Washington, through the efforts of the Board, to bring the concept of career and technical education and work-based learning together with academic education.

Talent and Prosperity for All Implementation

Ms. Eleni Papadakis gave a brief overview of the Board's previous discussion on implementing Talent and Prosperity for All. Staff presented the Board with a proposal for ongoing implementation committees. Board members asked how the proposal would be different from what we are already doing. Staff responded that the goal of the proposed committee structure is to allow the Board to take the lead in decision approval while avoiding repetition. After an in-depth discussion, the Board recommended that the matrix be modified to reflect their conversation and that the committee structure be approved with members to be appointed in the future.

Motion 16-199-02: Ms. Beth Thew moved to approve the recommendation. Mr. Gary Chandler seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Consumer Protection Unit

Mr. Jim Parker gave an overview presentation on the agency's Consumer Protection Unit which includes the regulation of private career schools and veterans programs. His presentation focused on the unit's successes as well as its challenges and was well received by the Board.

Seattle Film Institute Presentation

Mr. David Shulman, president of the Seattle Film Institute, gave a presentation on his school and its innovative approach to teaching.

Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA) Policy Discussion

The following policies were discussed and approved by the Board:

Draft System Policy 5410: The dispute resolution policy. In response to discussion at the February Board meeting, the policy was amended so that a third-party mediator is chosen within 10 business days to resolve disputes that progress to the state level and involve the Employment Security Department (ESD) as a party. The ESD Commissioner may still reverse the holding of the mediator within five business days, but only under three circumstances: where the mediator had an undisclosed conflict of interest; where the mediator's decision is clearly unsupported by law; or where the mediator's decision is clearly unsupported by facts in the case. The Commissioner's decision is still appealable to the U.S. Department of Labor under WIOA Section 181(c).

Motion 16-199-03: Ms. Carolyn McKinnon moved to approve the policy as presented. Ms. Caitlyn Jekel seconded the motion. Mr. Tim Probst abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Draft System Policy 5411: The ESD “firewall” policy. New language was added since the last Board meeting to clarify that ESD employees engaged as WIOA Title I sub-recipients (Youth, Adult, and/or Dislocated Worker program service providers) and subcontractors (e.g., one-stop operators, National Dislocated Worker Grants, Governor’s statewide contracts, etc.) are prohibited from communicating directly with ESD state oversight entities on issues, concerns, or findings identified in the course of monitoring and/or grants and contracts review. Communication in these matters will be coordinated by and through local Boards, which are responsible for overseeing and monitoring the activities of their sub-recipients and subcontractors.

Motion 16-199-04: Ms. Beth Thew moved to approve the policy as presented. Ms. Caitlyn Jekel seconded the motion. Mr. Tim Probst abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Draft System Policy 5404: The state policy on procurement and selection of one-stop operators and service providers. The draft system policy closely aligns to WIOA law and the proposed regulations. However, representatives from ESD, Washington Workforce Association, and Board staff identified a policy issue to discuss with the Board regarding the procurement of youth services that was further described in detail.

Motion 16-199-05: Ms. Lee Anne Caylor moved to approve the policy as presented. Ms. Beth Thew seconded the motion. Mr. Tim Probst abstained from the vote. The motion carried.

Business Engagement Metrics

At an earlier meeting the Board requested information on business engagement in the workforce system. In response to that request the Workforce Board Research Manager Mr. Dave Wallace, convened a workgroup that developed a recommendation for measuring engagement. He presented the proposal and the Board discussed it at length. Mr. Wallace answered questions pertaining to which types of businesses are included; the definition of small, medium, and large business; and what really constitutes engagement.

Motion 16-199-06: Mr. Tim Probst moved to approve the proposed metrics. Ms. Beth Thew seconded the motion. The motion carried.

National Governors Association Policy Convening

Ms. Nova Gattman gave an overview of the National Governors Association Policy Academy meeting in Salt Lake City. There were no questions from the Board.

Mr. David Stillman updated the Board on the 2GenTANF initiative. There were no questions from the Board.

Workforce Board Draft Budget

Ms. Glena Red Elk went over the draft Fiscal Year 2017 Operating Budget and Carl D. Perkins Funding Formula. She noted the WIOA planning dollars are almost spent and the Board discussed how to best spend the remaining planning funds.

The meeting adjourned at 2:45 p.m.